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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE "DAWN PATROL 77"

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THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS CIRCULATED THE FOLLOWING
TEXT OF THE PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE "DAWN
PATROL 77" SCHEDULED TO BE MADE BY SACEUR, CINCSOUTH
AND MODS THAT WISH TO DO SO ON 20 APRIL, 1977. THIS
NOTE STATES THAT THE MC WILL APPROVE THIS TEXT BY 18 APRIL
AND SUGGESTS THAT POLITICAL CLEARANCE BE CONSIDERED AS
GRANTED THE SAME DATE PROVIDED NO DELS RAISE OBJECTIONS.
BEGIN TEXT:

"DAWN PATROL 77", A PRE-PLANNED NATO EXERCISE INVOLVING
THE AIR, LAND, NAVAL AND AMPHIBIOUS FORCES OF SEVEN NATO MEMBER
NATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA FROM MAY 6
UNTIL 18 MAY 1977. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EXERCISE WAS MADE TODAY
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BY ADMIRAL LUIGI TOMASUOLO, ITALIAN NAVY, ACTING COMMANDER-IN-
CHIEF, ALLIED FORCES SOUTHERN EUROPE (CINCSOUTH), AT HIS
HEADQUARTERS IN NAPLES, ITALY.

"DAWN PATROL 77" WILL PROVIDE IMPORTANT TRAINING FOR
PARTICIPATING FORCES IN COORDINATING THEIR RESPECTIVE EFFORTS
IN A MULTI-NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT ENHANCING THEIR CAPABILITIES
TO DEFEND THE SOUTHERN REGION. EXTERNAL REINFORCEMENTS, WHICH
ARE VITAL TO THE DEFENCE OF THE SOUTHERN REGION WILL BE
EMPLOYED AND INTEGRATED WITH FORCES ASSIGNED TO CINCSOUTH TO

CONDUCT DETERRENT AND COMBAT OPERATIONS BEFORE REDEPLOYING TO THEIR HOME BASES. FORCES FROM ITALY, TURKEY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES WILL TRAIN TOGETHER DURING THE COURSE OF THE EXERCISE. IN ADDITION, EXTERNAL REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE NETHERLANDS (AMPHIBIOUS), THE UNITED KINGDOM (AMPHIBIOUS AND AIR), THE UNITED STATES (AMPHIBIOUS), TOGETHER WITH ELEMENTS FROM ALLIED AIR FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE (AAFCE), LAND AND AIR ELEMENTS ASSIGNED TO ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE'S MOBILE FORCE (AMB) AND THE NAVAL ON-CALL FORCE MEDITERRANEAN (NAVOCFORMED) WILL AUGMENT SOUTHERN REGION FORCES TO DEMONSTRATE NATO SOLIDARITY.

DURING THE EXERCISE, ALL NAVAL OPERATIONS WILL FACE AIR OPPOSITION FROM LAND BASED AIRCRAFT OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCES EUROPE (USAFE), THE UNITED KINGDOM, ITALY AND TURKEY. AMPHIBIOUS AND LAND OPERATIONS WILL BE BOTH SUPPORTED AND OPPOSED BY CARRIER BASED AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY SIXTH FLEET, AND LAND BASED AIRCRAFT FROM THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM, ITALY, TURKEY, BELGIUM AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. TACTICAL AIR OPERATIONS WILL INCLUDE AIR DEFENCE INTERCEPTS, CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, INTERDICTION, ELECTRONIC WARFARE TACTICS, TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT OF MARITIME OPERATIONS, ANTI-SURFACE OPERATIONS AND RECONNAISSANCE.

THE OVERRIDING THEME OF "DAWN PATROL" IS TO EXERCISE AND IMPROVE NATO'S READINESS TO DETER AGRESSION ALONG ITS SOUTHERN FLANK WITH THE RAPID EMPLOYMENT OF EXTERNAL REINFORCEMENTS AND TO CONFIDENTIAL

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INTEGRATE THOSE MULTI-NATIONAL FORCES WITH FORCES ASSIGNED TO THE ALLIES IN THE SOUTHER REGION. ADDITIONALLY, NATO MUST EXERCISE THROUGH CINCSOUTH ITS CAPABILITY TO CONTROL THE SEALANES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND TO MOVE MEN AND MATERIAL THROUGH THOSE SEALANES TO REINFORCE LAND BASED FORCES. END TEXT.
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